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1. This subject has been raised as a possibility for a National Estimate.
2. The IAC is asked to consider whether it wishes work to go forward on an estimate along the lines of the attached.

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The Problem:

To estimate the advantages and disadvantages of holding a beachhead in South Korea.

Assumptions:

That the United Nations Forces have the capability of maintaining a beachhead in South Korea.

Discussion:

1. Military Factors

a. Strategic considerations--effect on Chinese Communist and Soviet plans.

2. Politico-Psychological factors

a. Advantages

(Relating to: UN-US relations; USSR; China: CN and CC; Japan; S.E. Asia-Indochina, Burma, Thailand; Western European Allies; other non-Communist areas, e.g., India, Iran, Middle East area.)

b. Disadvantages

(Same sub-factors as under a.)

Conclusions:

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